

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Downes et al.

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RECEPTOR LIGAND BINDING DOMAIN
AND METHODS OF USE THEREFOR

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2009, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this communication.

Amendments to the Claims are included in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 3 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this communication.